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"Ladies' night" at the board of civil authority this evening.

If things don't liven up soon, Barre will scarcely know there is an election on March 5.

Add to the horrors of war the delay in arrival of our old friend, the Congressional Record.

New England is full up with promises of a necessary coal supply. Now let them bring the coal.

After six months of waiting it seems that someone might bring the truth out of Russia, that is, the truth about the internal affairs of the ex-empire.

Those sending soldiers' letters to The Times for publication should be careful to enclose the full name of the sender and also the full name of the recipient of the letter.

Charles H. Darling of Burlington may be considered formally in the race for the governorship of Vermont, having been given endorsement by the Burlington Free Press. The political pot in Vermont thus takes on early activity.

If one were to judge by the variation in the landscape description by the Vermont boys in France one would conclude that American troops are scattered all over France. A careful perusal of the letters does not indicate that any two of the boys are in the same place.

Such a slight accident as the explosion of a cartridge case, resulting in injury to eight seamen on the cruiser Montana, does not stir up great excitement in these days but, nevertheless, it is something that is worthy of rigid investigation either on board the ship or at the source of the manufacture of the cartridge cases.

Dr. Arthur N. Davis, who carries the title of "kaiser's personal dentist," is planning to return to his royal duties in Germany after visiting in the United States, so whatever public statements he may make about the war, and especially about Germany's part in that war, should be discounted at the very outset. His value as a public witness is nullified.

Word comes from Washington that Vermont maple sugar makers are to have as free a hand as usual in the handling of their wares. Thus the bugaboo that the government was planning to take over the bulk of the 1918 production is promptly put out of the way. Having a free hand, the Vermont producers should feel encouraged to go ahead with their plans to turn out a bumper crop.

Undoubtedly Great Britain will be the party to gain as the result of the new draft treaty signed by the British and the American governments, inasmuch as there are far more British subjects in the United States who are eligible to military service than there are Americans in Great Britain who are eligible to service. But in the long run it will make no difference because the British and the American governments are fighting for one common aim, and it matters not whether the men fight under the Union Jack or the Stars and Stripes.

Of course, the British war leaders are not laying too great stress upon the stories related by German prisoners about Hindenburg's plans for a great offensive. It is believed that the word of the German soldier can no more be relied upon than that of the man in control of the government. Moreover, it is not at all likely that the private soldiers in the German army have been taken into Hindenburg's confidence to the extent that they know his plans for military maneuvers against the allies on the western front. Whatever the German prisoners relate is only interesting, and nothing more.

The frequent aerial attacks on London denote a frenzy of war on the part of Germany and they may be taken to indicate also a growing agitation inside of Germany because the Prussian military system is unable to get at the country, which at the present time forms the backbone of the allied cause. As far as military results are concerned, the raids are barren; and the machines thus used might much better have been utilized in combating the enemy airplanes on the battle front in the west. The Germans are beating their heads against a stone wall when they try to damage England by means of airplanes.

Among the smaller daily newspapers of the country which have been compelled to go upon the two-cent basis is the Western (R. I.) Sun, printed in a granite section of southern New England. Ever since The Sun was established nearly 25 years ago it has been sold for one cent, but, as the contemporary says, now "such increases in our costs have been made that a raise in price is not only advisable but imperative. In paper alone there has been an

increase of 76 per cent. To meet that increase it would be necessary for the advertisers of Western to use four more pages of advertising space each week than they have ever used. That is asking too much of the advertiser." So The Sun will, after to-day, Feb. 20, be sold for two cents a copy, 50 cents a month and \$6 a year, paid in advance.

The new Japanese ambassador to the United States, Viscount Ishii, was at the head of the recent Japanese mission which visited the United States on a "better acquaintance" tour and during that time he was given a cordial reception everywhere, as the result of which he carried back to Japan a memory of the American people which probably did much to strengthen the good relations between Japan and the United States. It is to be expected, therefore, that his mission to Washington as ambassador will mean the continuation, and perhaps the strengthening, of those good relations. Certainly there should be a better understanding between the two nations as the result of his appointment.

A COMPARISON OF CASUALTIES.

The British casualties for last week were only 4,066, which is a figure about down to the minimum. The British people are pleased over the report; yet the American people would consider themselves hard hit were their casualties in one week to mount as high as four thousand officers and men. The contrast means that the American people must undergo a severe wrenching to get into the same frame of mind as the British, who have been suffering for three and one-half years. The comparison shows us that we are not yet ready in the war although it has been ten months since the declaration of a state of war by Congress. When the casualty figures begin to come in, even in such minimum figures as now reported by the British, there will be a comprehension that we have begun to sacrifice.

SOMETHING FOR THE BOYS TO REMEMBER.

There is much that the boys of Barre can take home to themselves in the following editorial from the Brattleboro Reformer:

Boys who go to school never realize the impression older men in business form of them. The lads who swagger through the streets, puffing cigarettes, who are rough and at times vulgar in their talk, and who are seen coming out of pool-rooms at any hour at night when they ought to be in bed are getting reputations which will be a tremendous bar to them when they leave school and seek employment in positions offering careers of usefulness, responsibility and remuneration.

These Barre boys do not perhaps realize that the business men of the community are "sizing them up" by watching their actions in the moments when the boys least expect it. Those who indulge in the practices referred to by the contemporary are most certainly jeopardizing their chances to get the better jobs when they leave school.

CURRENT COMMENT

Hogs.

It is regretted that there are some people who cannot comprehend the one big thing in this war which is necessary to win—that is conservation of food and fuel. Those who "hog" sugar, flour and coal are defeating the very ends sought. While self preservation may be one of the laws of nature yet all owe a duty to country and other people have rights which must be respected. It may be that drastic steps will have to be taken to correct the abuses. If so let the rules be so stringent that none can escape. The family that has plenty of coal in the cellar and orders an additional half ton now and then can be classed as slackers and conspirators against the country. The pantry that is filled with sugar and flour and still calls for more should be stripped of its stock. It is sad, indeed, to think that some people can be so selfish.

The winning of the war is going to call for personal sacrifice from every single individual. There will be just two classes—traitors and patriots. The hoarders of food and fuel can be classed as nothing less than traitors. Their very acts are helping the cause of Germany.—Burlington Clipper.

For Governor—Charles H. Darling.

What manner of man ought to become governor of Vermont in this time of world war, when unprecedented questions are coming up for decision every day? Obviously he should be a man of experience and force, well grounded in the principles of sound government, and yet open-minded enough to grapple with utterly new situations. It is our opinion that he should be a man progressive enough to swing Vermont into line in favor of the national prohibition amendment, and yet conservative enough to meet and vanquish the Bolshevik contagion which threatens the sanity of the world. He should be enthusiastically American.

Among the mentioned for the high office of governor, we can think of one who has all these qualities. The man whom we have in mind served with distinction in a war portfolio throughout the vigorous Roosevelt administration. He has had conspicuous judicial experience, and for years has stood in the front rank of his profession for legal sagacity, for fighting nerve, and the old-fashioned brand of honesty. He is truly progressive, and yet where conservation would be better for the state, there is no man whom we would trust to keep at more even keel.

To the question—who ought to be the next governor of Vermont—The Free Press answers, Charles H. Darling.—Burlington Free Press.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

There Was No Argument, Vittori Says.

Editor, Times: I noticed in your Tuesday's Times an item referring to a heated Monday argument. I would like to have you make corrections in your Times that there was no argument, but that I was cowardly attacked by Mr. Garibaldi without cause or reason. Carlo Vittori.

MABEL SYRUP'S COLYUM

"To have a lively and not a stolid countenance."—Truth of Intercourse.

"The time has come to conquer or submit. For us there is but one choice. We have made it."—President Wilson.

Every Lecture Course Has an Extra Number This Winter.

Despite the intensely cold weather and other attractions, about 50 members and friends of the Fortnightly club gathered at Woods library to hear the third lecture on the club's program.—Bradford item.

My Wage.

I bargained with Life for a penny. And Life would pay no more. However, I begged at evening. When I counted my scanty store

For Life is a just employer. He gives you what you ask. But once you have set the wages, Why, you must bear the task.

I worked for a menial's hire. Only to learn, dismayed, That any wage I had asked of Life. Life would have paid.

—Jessie B. Rittenhouse.

Business as Usual in Chester.

Grafton roads have some bad cradle holes, but Stage Driver Aiken said that he was driving over on the Chester road and all to once his horse halted and did not want to go down into such a cradle hole. So he got out and peered down into it and there were two men down in there trading horses.—Grafton item.

About now look for the annual suitcase mystery in the papers. White River Junction has the makings. Notice. If the person who removed the suitcase from the premises will return it no questions will be asked.

Green Mountain Echoes.

Crows have come—a sign of spring—some time.—West Charleston item.

The first freight for a month arrived Friday.—Jamaica item.

The pupils have had to come to school on skis much of the time lately.—Weston Island item.

No use talking about the weather this winter. It speaks for itself and speaks loud.—Waits River item.

Charles Hoisington and wife drove to Windsor Wednesday last week. They didn't see a team on their way down.—North Hartland item.

Ernest Peck is embarking in the Belgian hare business, and will soon increase our meat supply.—Weston item.

David Mann was fortunate in catching a weasel after loosing several hens.—Drewsville item.

Many are enjoying calls on the phone from Mrs. Leonard, an old neighbor who has been very sick this winter.—Christian Hollow item.

Denizens of this burg and vicinity are rejoicing in much moderated weather. First sign of spring—north side of Main street sloppy on Wednesday.—Newport item.

atherine Dow, a freshman in the high school, has done her bit by cutting a cord of wood, which she is to sell for the benefit of the Red Cross. May success crown the efforts of this plucky girl. Wells River item.

Skunk hollow is situated between McKinsty hill and Felcherville and was given its name by an old resident of this place on account of skunks being so plentiful, hunters coming from far and near after them.—Skunk Hollow item.

We hope the Germans, when they erect a monument over their kaiser, will order it from Barre, Vermont. The workmen over there would be delighted to hammer it out for them. They will want it before long.—St. Johnsbury Republican.

The Chesterfieldian R. C.

The rural carriers received notice this morning of a raise in their pay—and it must have been a wallowing big one, for Carrier Wells appeared on his route today wearing a tall silk hat. Oh, where did you get that hat?—Newport item.

Rev. Mr. gave a very strong sermon Sunday on the "Easy Wind." Notwithstanding the cold weather the attendance held good.—From the church notes.

Maybe the combination of a mellowing topie and a gulf stream of eloquence neutralized the chilly exterior.

Graniteville, Feb. 17, '18.

Dear Mabel: (a) Is it true that our soldiers are forbidden such harmless diversions as whist, 500, pinocel, etc., in the cantonment Y. M. C. A. buildings?

(b) In a game of six-handed pitch is it proper to play the trump ace when your first partner swings the jack and your second lays the queen? Yours,

Marco Polo.

(a) The Red Cross cannot be selling sweaters was easy to spike. The story you hear about the proscription on cards contains more of the elements of truth. We shall endeavor to answer your question in an early issue of The Col.

(b) Referred to a little book by Edmond Hoyle, who answered your question sometime between 1672 and 1769.

Who Put the Skids Under the Little Red Schoolhouse?

All the state aid that teachers get is spent at conventions and summer schools. Does it pay? Three-fourths of the teachers say no, or would if they dared to. When Rome began to decline it became more and more spectacular. Education in this country is getting spectacular. Is it going to take the toboggan?—Crisis district item.

Royal Plant of North Ferrisburg, his friends will be glad to learn, has got a corporalship in the quartermaster's corps at Devens. Yet if a man's name counts for anything in this war he will soon be headed for a mine layer's platoon.

LITTLE QUESTION for to-day: What has become of the old-fashioned carriage repository?

Ebb Tide in Rutland County.

The writer is of the opinion that Ben-people might get together more, either in a church sociable or otherwise, and enhance interest in patriotic and conservation work. We haven't had a sociable this winter? Why? oh why, shouldn't we have one?—Benson item.

Mr. Charles Hadlock, 24, surprised his people by walking in on them Saturday morning.—North Thetford item.

Then there is the historic farmer's



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widow who had two horses died on her, and again the amateur war gardener whose first pumpkin rotted on him.

"Bakers and Master Bread Makers Wire Washington."—Headline.

The Hooving finger writes.

And having writ, moves on—

Nor all your sobs, nor all your sighs

Can lure it back to cancel half a line!

M. S.

WILLIAMSTOWN

Floyd Wilfore, from France, has written several letters recently to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allie Wilfore of Williamstown, and also to his sister, from which the following excerpts are taken:

Jan. 23, 1918.

Dear Sister: Received your letter of Nov. 26 a few days ago and was very glad to hear from home again. This letter was longer getting here than they usually are. As a rule, it takes about a month to six weeks.

We are having fine weather here now. It is nice and warm, just like spring.

There was some rather cold weather through December and the first of January, but there was no snow. I guess there has been a lot of snow in some parts of the country, but we happen to be in that part where they don't have any.

I don't know if I told you in the last letter or not that George isn't here now. I had a letter from him the other day, and he wrote that they were having some pretty bad weather where he is, but I think he is company clerk again, so he won't have to be out much.

Now I am going to tell you all about that wrist watch. I bought one before I left Fort Ethan Allen. Then I lost it when I was at Camp Bartlett. I don't know how it is that I never wrote about it. I would just forget it every time I wrote a letter. After I lost it I thought that I wouldn't say anything about it unless some of you did. I have a French watch now. Have had it nearly three months now and it runs fine. I paid 37 francs for it. Can you figure out how much that would be in American money? I don't know how long the watch will last. It may go to pieces any time. You never can tell about this French stuff.

Will have to close now, for the simple reason that I haven't anything more to write.

Floyd.

On Jan. 28 he wrote thus to his mother:

Have a few minutes to myself, so will write you a letter. * * * We are in good comfortable quarters and get very good food. It is much better now than when we first came here. I have received the letters that you and Stella wrote Nov. 24. I got only three of the boxes that you sent. I think I will get the rest of them later, though. There are a lot of boxes here that haven't been sorted and given out yet, and then they might have been sent up to where we are going and if so I will get them when I get there.

We are having fine weather here now. There was some rather cold weather in December, but it is fine now. There has not been any snow yet. I think that we will move from here soon. Perhaps it will be colder where we stop next.

Floyd.

The third letter was written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allie Wilfore, and was dated Jan. 31:

Will write you a short letter this afternoon and let you know that I am well. We just had some mail come in and I had two letters from you, one from Mami and one from Stella and Jean. I



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